

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 518
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A RESOLUTION to continue the special joint committee created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 246 of the One-Hundredth General Assembly to study methods for securing dedicated funding for public transportation in the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly recognizes that public transportation plays a vital role in the continued economic development of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, we are concerned that the fiscal status of public transportation is at a critical stage, with the decrease in federal financial assistance for operations likely to result in an increased burden on cities, counties, towns, metropolitan governments and transit authorities currently providing public transportation through the state; and

WHEREAS, in response to the many complex issues involved in attempting to secure dedicated funding for public transportation in this state, the 100th General Assembly enacted Senate Joint Resolution No. 246, which created a special joint committee to study this very issue; and

WHEREAS, while the special joint committee has worked assiduously to address the problems associated with dedicated funding for public transportation, it has not been afforded ample time to determine the proper mechanisms for such funding; and

WHEREAS, because public transportation is so vitally important to Tennesseans, it is imperative that the mandate of the special joint committee should be continued; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the special joint committee created by Senate Joint Resolution No. 246 of the One-Hundredth General Assembly to study methods for securing dedicated funding for public transportation in the State of Tennessee is hereby continued until April 15, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the special joint committee shall remain as constituted; provided, legislative members shall be duly elected members of the General Assembly in order to remain a member of the committee. Vacancies shall be filled in accordance with the original appointing authority pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 246 of the 100th General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the special joint committee shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred First General Assembly no later than April 15, 1999, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.